

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0032018-07-0

Permittee: WI Corporation of Seventh Day Adventists, Camp Wakonda W8435 Cty Rd E, Oxford, WI, 53952

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: WI Corporation Seventh Day Adventists, W8435 County Road E, Oxford, Wisconsin

Receiving Water And Location: Groundwater via seepage cells in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 17, T16N R8E, Marquette County, WI

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The wastewater conveyance and treatment system serves a private summer camp/meeting facility (Camp Wakonda) with a capacity up to 5,000 people. The facility is used on an intermittent basis; the majority of use occurring during summer months with some limited uses during the rest of the year. Wastewater treatment is provided via a single stabilization pond/lagoon. Adequate detention time in the lagoon is utilized to stabilize the wastewater under natural biological processes. Once each spring, wastewater is distributed to a single seepage cell for further treatment in the soil and ultimate discharge to groundwater.

Wastewater is pumped from a lift station through a 6-inch diameter PVC sewer main. The sewer travels 1400 feet southwest from the camp, under CTH E, until it reaches a control manhole at the stabilization lagoon. The elevation difference between the lift station and lagoon inlet is 52.5 feet. The 1.85-acre stabilization lagoon is lined with a 20-mil PVC liner and has a capacity of 2.9 x 10⁶ gallons. Wastewater is pumped to the lagoon throughout the year, then discharged via gravity flow to a single seepage cell, approximately 1.5 acres in size, usually from the first week of April through the first week of May. The distance from the lagoon to seepage cell is about 500 feet. The wastewater conveyance and treatment system were constructed around 1980.

Significant changes proposed in the upcoming permit term are as follows: 1) In this permit term, the permittee is required to monitor the influent monthly, regardless of flow volume, and 2) The permittee is required to monitor lagoon sludge once during the permit term for List 1 parameters. Also new in this permit term is a compliance schedule that requires the permittee submit an updated land treatment management plan.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Holly Heldstab, DNR, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI, 54701, (715) 492-0483, Holly.Heldstab@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Barti Oumarou, 625 E County Road Y, Suite 700, Oshkosh, WI 54901, (920) 424-4013, Barti.Oumarou@wisconsin.gov

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above named basin engineer.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (715) 492-0483 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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